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1. FOREIGN MINISTER DENNIS CALLED ME IN JULY 13 TO INFORM ME OF TOLBERT-STEVENS DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED DEMONSTRATION OF SPACE AGE TECHNOLOGIES. ACCORDING TO DENNIU, TWO PRESIDENTS AGREED ON A COMBINED DEMONSTRATION UNDER AEGIS OF MANO RIVER UNION. THEY DID NOT GO BEYOND THAT, HOWEVER, BECAUSE TOLBERT HAD EXPRESSED STRONG FEELING THAT "SHO OWNS THE FACILITIES SHOULD DECIDE WHERE IT IS BEST TO PUT THEM." STEVENS HAD AGREED WITH THIS POSITION, AND BOTH PRESIDENTS AGREED THAT THEY WOULD BE HAPPY TONGO ALONG WITH USG'S DECISION ON LOCATION OF TRANSMITTER.

2. GOL HAS NO STRONG FEELING ABOUT LOCATION OF TRANSMITTER. I SEE NO POLITICAL REASON THAT ARGUES STRONGLY FOR MONROVIA AS SITE. STRICTLY FROM MONROVIA POINT OF VIEW, THEREFORE, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT LOCATION OF TRANSMITTER CAN BE LEFT TO TECHNICIANS TO DETERMINE ON BASIS OF CONVENIENCE, FACILITIES AND COSTS. I DO BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT DECISION SHOULD BE MADE QUICKLY TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM AND TO PERMIT EXPERTS MAXIMUM TIME TO CONSIDER ARRANGEMENTS.

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